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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEETING OF LEADING HONG KONG BUSINESSMAN WITH
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. AMCIT JACK C TANG, ONE OF HONG KONG'S LEADING TEXTILE
MANUFACTURERS, HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR
STRAUSS DURING WEEK OF MARCH 20-24. TANG HAS BEEN
INVITED TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT "THE CHALLENGE OF
PROTECTIONISM AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO COPE WITH TRADE
BARRIERS" AT A SYMPOSIUM IN HONG KONG SPONSORED BY THE
HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION. FYI: GUEST SPEAKER AT
SYMPOSIUM WILL BE RT. HON. EDWARD HEATH WHO WILL PRESENT
PAPER ON "SHIFTS IN WORLD TRADING PARTNERS AND
THEIR IMPACE". TOPICS TANG WOULD LIKE TO DICUSS ARE:
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(A) HOW SIGNIFICANT IS INTERNATIONAL TRADE TODAY IN
THE CONTEXT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY?

(B) WHAT IS THE RELATIVE SIGNFICANCE OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR THE
DIFFERENT ECONOMIC BLOCS - JAPAN, E.E.C.,
U.S.A. AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS - IN THE CONTEXT
OF THEIR GNP'S?

(C) WHAT IS THE QUANTIATIVE EFFECT OF THE "TOKYO

ROUND" ON THE EXTERNAL TRADE OF THESE DIFFERENT
TRADING BLOCS?

(D) WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NON-TARIFF
BARRIERS IN TERMS OF TRADE, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN
JAPAN AND E.C.C.? DEVELOPING WORLD AND JAPAN,
E.E.C.?

(E) WHAT IS THE UP-TO-DATE STATUS OF THE TALKS?
AND THE CHANCE OF SUCCESS?

(F) WHAT WILL BE THE SCENARIO IF THERE IS NO
AGREEMENT ON THE TOKYO ROUND?

2. BECAUSE TANG IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACT
OF CONGEN, POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ARRANGE A
MEETING WITH A SENIOR LEVEL OFFICIAL AT OFFICE
OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
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